APPENDIX III.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 603 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 7th April 1960, page 70 supra.]

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) In their preliminary draft proposals for the Second Five-Year Plan, this Government suggested the inclusion of the following large and medium project :—

(1) Manufacture of aluminium and products of aluminium.

(2) Pilot blast furnace for utilizing the Salem iron ores.

(3) Manufacture of special and alloy steels.

(4) Units for manufacture of steel casting and forges.

(5) Manufacture of electrical transformers and switch gears.

(6) Manufacture of sulphuric acid and fertilizer using gypsum.

(7) Establishment of a paper mill unit.

(8) Manufacture of electrical porcelain and sanitary wares.

(9) Manufacture of power alcohol.

(10) Manufacture of doors and windows and bentwood fellowes.

(11) Manufacture of D.D.T.

APPENDIX IV.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 609 asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 7th April 1960, page 74 supra.]

Soil-testing in Thanjavur district

The soils of the Thanjavur district have been examined by the Soil-Testing Laboratory at Coimbatore. The scheme itself was formally inaugurated at Nagappattinam on the 23rd February 1957 in the presence of the Honourable Minister for Agriculture, Madras State. This function was organised by the members of the Taluk Agricultural Association, Nagappattinam, who are of opinion that as the leading district in rice production in Madras State, the demands of the agriculturists of the district can be adequately met only when a separate Soil-Testing Service is started in that district.

Since then Thanjavur district has been sending a large number of samples to the Soil-Testing Laboratory for analysis. Out of a total of 13,000 received from the whole State, 3,050 samples